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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –  
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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 017534-000740US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

RODNEY A. PERKINS et al.

Application No.: 10/765,380

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For: METHODS, SYSTEMS, AND  
KITS FOR LUNG VOLUME  
REDUCTION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.